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Ivanof Bay Village Council

January 3, 2000

Mr. Jeff Ottesen, Chief of Statewide Planning
Division of Statewide Planning
Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities
3 132 Channel Drive, Room 200
Juneau AK 99801-7898

Dear Mr. Ottesen:

The Village of Ivanof Bay is pleased that the Alaska Department of Transportation and Public Facilities has decided to reconsider its 20-year plan for Southwest Alaska. The village council would like to see included in the final 20-year plan a short road from the community of Ivanof Bay to an existing airfield that is owned by our village corporation, Bayview, Inc. We have been working for years with Bayview to realize the road

Currently, the residents of Ivanof Bay and other travelers use a short road for an airstrip that can be extremely dangerous and is improperly aligned to the prevailing winds. Though the airstrip has been extended as far as it can be at 1,500 feet, it is still not long enough according to FAA guidelines. Use of this road for an airstrip can be very dangerous to not only the passenger, but the pilot.

The Stepovak airfield built by Phillips Petroleum for the exploration of oil and gas, is approximately 5,000 feet long. Large cargo aircraft used the airfield to provide airfreight service of equipment and supplies to the area.

We are very excited to see that every one of the surrounding areas would also benefit from this transportation project. This project would not only guarantee air safety by providing Ivanof Bay, Perryville and other interested parties with access to a large and safe airport on the Pacific side of the Alaska Peninsula but, will ensure the expansion of a viable economy in the area to include but not limited to: 1) promoting economic development of the Alaska Peninsula; 2) provide access for medical emergencies; 3) offer expansion into the seafood industry; and, 4) eco-tourism.

Your department is planning to prepare an airport master plan for Ivanof Bay. It will be advantageous for all to incorporate the Stepovac airfield into the state's overall transportation plan. For your consideration, we have prepared a special map of *the Stepovac Bay-Ivanof Bay-Perryville* area. We hope the map will be of assistance to you. The Stepovak airfield is accurately delineated along with two possible road routes to the field. I am sending the map to you.

It is our ardent desire to connect our community to this field. The facility properly belongs in your 20-year plan for Southwest Alaska. If you have any questions or think that I might be of help to you in this regard please call me at 669-2219 (home).

January 10, 2000
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Best regards,

IVANOF BAY VILLAGE COUNCIL

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alfred Kalmakoff". The signature is written in a cursive style with a double slash at the end.

Alfred Kalmakoff, President

Member, Southside Peninsula Transportation Committee

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Cc: Bayview, Inc., BBNC, BBNA, Native Village of Perryville, Oceanside Corporation, Shumagin Corporation, Lake Peninsula Borough.